Tuesday Morning
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Hello Folks, -

Just a few lines before I leave. Will use a pencil cause I can write faster. Don't know why I want to write faster cause really there's nothing to say. - We've been busy packing and clearing ourselves from the different units of the school, so consequently, though we've had no school, they've managed to keep us well occupied.

I'll leave here on the Rock Island R.R. at 4:30 this afternoon and get to Ft. Worth sometime tonight. Maybe I'll stay there tonight, going on the rest of the way tomorrow, or maybe I'll go on thru to San Angelo. - Just depends on how I feel when I get there. They've kept us so tied up here - and I expect it will be even more so when we get to Basic, that it feels kinda good to be set loose, traveling as you want instead of "G.I." Take advantage of it while I can! - Only thing is, it's too bad we haven't enough time to get home or something. - But guess we can't have our cake and eat it, too, - can we?

Got my log book last night. - Have 60 hrs. flying time here and with my 60 I came with, - I have 120 altogether. 80 more and I could be a commercial pilot and an instructor if I weren't in the Army! - Kinda getting up in the world, aren't I. - Feels kinda funny, tho, - not having flown since Friday! - How could I stood it?

Had a pleasant surprise yesterday. They gave us our final exam marks in ground school and our course average in each subject. My course averages were 92 in navigation, 92 in aircraft + engines, and 91 in meteorology! Don't see how, cause that's about the same average that I had at Kelly and there is no comparison between the two schools, both in subject + quantity. Guess I'm "on the ball". - Hope I can keep up the good work at Basic. - Cross your fingers again! -

Well, - guess I'd better sign off now. Almost time to go into the Commandant and check out of dear ol' W. + B. - Hate to leave in a way - but I think that's because of the breaking in period ahead of me! - Goodbye luxury - Hiya upper-classmen!

Love

P.S. - Sure was awfully nice to talk to you all. - Sorry the darn phone [illegible]